



July 9, 2020

A quotation from Living Life Fully:

*There is no key to happiness –
the door is always open.*

unattributed

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A Word from Pastor Josh...

Dear Church,

As an Assistant Pastor, one of the things that has been a primary aspect of my life is being a United States Marine. Being a reservist is something that has led to lots of pondering for my place within the church and this phenomenon of having one “foot” in two worlds at once.

For the veterans of our congregation, they can attest that the military culture and community is one that is very different from civilian culture and community. As a reservist, I am not a part of one culture or another full time; I have to split time between both of them. Quite often this can lead to a sense of not being fully in control or committed to either life or community.

This has been a very difficult thing to get accustomed to in my three years of being in the Marine Corps. I went to Bootcamp with many Marines who are now serving in active duty and have been spending every day of their life for the past

three years overseas. This fact has been something that can raise some guilt or dissatisfaction with my own decisions to become a reservist. I am telling you all this to speak slightly on how I see my Marine Corps career playing into my thoughts and role of being a leader within the church.

On July 21st, I will be leaving for three weeks to travel with my unit to regimental training on a very large scale at a training center in Kentucky. During this time I will take off my pastor hat, and put on my Corporal hat. These two hats are very different, but likewise, very similar.

A Corporal's job is to ultimately be the immediate supervisor for the section or group of marines within my job. This means that for these three weeks not only will I be the direct supervisor to achieve objectives but will also be the first line of contact for any concerns or needs of the Marines that are under my charge. This balance between productivity and care is what defines a good leader in my opinion.

In the same way, a church leader's job is to follow God's call to the community and provide care to congregation members. I argue that this point on leadership is not unique to pastors or Corporals but any leader in our community. This is something that I believe the Holy Spirit has continued to work with me on, that I have struggled with so much.

My largest struggle since returning back home was finding my balance between the civilian world and the Marine world, and how I make sense of the two of them. I believe this is something that has become incredibly important to me - to see the work of the Holy Spirit moving in every aspect of my life, both inside and outside of the church. So, although I will not be with you all for three weeks, what I will experience will be rooted in the fact that I am always spiritually connected with my church, and you all will be in my prayers and thoughts.

Blessings,
Joshua



Welcome Jon Copeland!

During Pastor Josh's upcoming Active Training for the Marines, Jon Copeland will be filling in as the lead at The Mountain Service on Thursday evenings at 7:30p, beginning 7/23.



Jon is a copywriter and researcher living in St. Louis.

He currently serves as the lay leader at Lafayette Park UMC and as a lay delegate from Missouri to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Jon also takes classes at Eden Theological Seminary and has developed bible studies for Shared Streets STL. As a self-described "Bible enthusiast," Jon enjoys studying scripture and the history of early Christianity. He also loves dogs, college football, and enjoys gardening.



A Neighborhood Church

"I just wanted to leave a message. I live in the area, and I so enjoy the music from the folks on the parking lot. I think it's on Thursdays. It is so pretty, and we look forward to it. We make sure we get out our chairs. Thank you. Thank you so much for that."

There's not much good about the church building being closed, but that message left on the church voice mail highlights one - that the church really is part of the neighborhood.

Pastor Sharon and Joel put out 150 flags before July 4th with a chalkboard message that people were welcome to take one. At last count more than 90 had been scooped up.

More than half of the food and hygiene products Webster United Methodist collected for Webster Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM) during June came from neighbors - and lots came from families with children.

One of those families mentioned that their kids loved reading signs that a neighbor was putting in their yard.



Our Hands in Mission! We Have a Joyful Result!

Individuals and families walked by and stopped, or drove by and pulled in as our Webster Groves neighbors strongly and consistently supported our month-long Food & Hygiene Drive benefitting Webster Rock Hill Ministries during this pandemic challenge. We are blessed as a church to be surrounded by a caring, generous community, in addition to our own loving church folks! It is my prayer that some of this community will join us when we get back together as a church body.

Each week's collection brought in at least 300 items and at most 495 items during the course of nine, 2-hour days. Grand total for the month of June = 1,984 items of great variety donated to the Emergency food pantry at WRHM!

My heartfelt thanks---in addition to all those who donated---to the many people who gave their time and energy in so many ways: to the collection volunteers Joan Ballam, Carol Gilker, Ellen Hendrickson, Mary Taylor, Debbie Lund, and Helen Fuller; to the donation load-up and weekly delivery volunteers Dan Pike and Katy Renkins; to the shade canopy set-up and take-down volunteers Stan



Richert, Gene & Lettie Morse, and Roger McCurley; to photographer Stacy Skelton. Thanks also to publicity and promotion folks whose social media and website postings and signs captured the neighbors' attention & drew them in: Joel Kichline for ordering and hanging the banner and posting notices to Facebook neighborhood groups; Gordon Ballam, posting to website and Facebook, Cindy Andrews, informational sign/leaflets, and Holly Graham, weekly electronic sign messages.

I am so proud of this church and this community!

In Christian love,

Jan McCurley, Risk-Taking Mission & Service Chairperson



CAMP INVENTION

Earlier this year, our Church agreed to host Camp Invention, a nationwide program for children aged kindergarten through 6th grade. This particular program had previously been hosted at Avery School. Due to the risks imposed

by COVID-19, the first program, which was to be held in June was cancelled. The second program was planned to be held at our church July 13-17 had to be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

I received this from the local leader, Terri Rell: "I understand that you have recently received an email from Camp Invention® explaining that our Webster United Methodist Camp will transition from the traditional in-person format to a new at-home program, called **Camp Invention Connect!** We are so excited to offer this opportunity to those who have attended Camp Invention for years and those who are brand new. **It will still be hosted the week of July 13-17, 2020**, and all materials will be shipped to your home." For more information look at invent.org/connect.

Terri informed me that the cost is \$175 but she has scholarships available for \$125 of that. You can contact her at:

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MUSICAL RELIEF! –contributed by Lamar Fitzgerald



As we all continue to find new ways to live and enjoy life, I wanted to share events to offer you and the ones you love a bit of musical relief!

This is a big week for online events! Happy streaming!

Lara St. John Livestream: Friday, July 10, 12-1pm, GigsGuide

Canadian violinist, Lara St. John, spent her childhood in London, Ontario. As the daughter of two educators (her father was a language teacher and her mother a music instructor), she was encouraged at an early age to develop musical talents.

She began playing the violin at the age of two, and gave her first public performance as soloist with an orchestra by age four. St. John has attended several conservatories, earned multiple degrees, and toured the world. The performance this Friday will include pieces composed by Bach, Vivaldi, and Mozart. To register and stream this free event, visit GigsGuide.

***Red Yarn: Homespun Livestream: Mondays & Wednesdays at 10am,
Facebook.com/redyarn***

Red Yarn (aka Andy Furgeson) is a Texas-born, Oregon-based family performer who weaves folksongs and puppetry into high-energy shows for all ages. With his engaging performances, lush folk-rock recordings, and playful music videos, Furgeson reinvigorates American folklore for younger generations. Whether you catch him performing solo, with his wife and singing partner Jessie, or with a full band, the shows are a raucous, inclusive celebration of the multicultural musical heritage of the USA. Check this guy out!

All Things Munny!

For the past few weeks, musical theater fans have experienced the Munny magic from home via weekly YouTube uploads. Two segments remain in the **Munny Magic in Your Home** series; *Our Leading Men* (July 9) and *Mikaela Bennett and Alex Prakken* (July 13 and 16). There's more! Beginning Monday, July 20 through Monday, August 17, the Munny will produce five additional online variety shows. These one-time-only performances will feature Munny friends and family from around the world. The full schedule, including times and weekly lineup for all Munny events can be found at muny.org and The Munny TV channel on YouTube.



WUM Pollinator Paradise!



With the plentiful spring rains and now abundant summer sunshine, 2020 is a gardener's dream. The sunny flower bed at church near the front steps has become Pollinator Paradise! Most of the plants in this bed are native to Missouri and attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. So far this year, I've not seen any butterflies or hummingbirds, but we have a bevy of bees!

Why are pollinators important? Did you know that pollinators are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food? They also sustain our ecosystems and produce natural resources by helping plants reproduce.



In the next several weeks, I'll be posting a different sign each week in our Pollinator Paradise flower bed to share info with our neighborhood about the flowers planted there. For those of you who are unable to come by the church, I'm sharing some photos here. Enjoy!

Cindy Andrews





Each week on the WUM Children's Facebook page, I have been posting videos on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of an activity. Follow this link for this week's activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/708071979728500/?ref=bookmarks>

I also invite you to post your fun suggestions too!

Thanks,
Trish Sorenson,
Director of Children's Ministry
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YOUTH GROUP in JULY!

July 9- Drive-in Night with Connie and Joel in Belleville. Call/Text Joel at 314-566-0332 with your SUBWAY order by 6pm Thursday. Meet at the church at 8pm! Remember your mask and lawn chair. Yummy snacks will be provided!

July 16- Outdoor games with Water Balloons!! Wear clothes you can get wet in and bring a towel! Regular time: 5:30p-7:30p

July 23- Service Night! Lindsey will be helping us pack up hygiene kits for LifeWise. Regular time: 5:30p-7:30p

Giant THANKS goes out to Connie, Veronica and Stan for refurbishing our Youth Room! It is gorgeous! Drop by to see it on the third floor.



See Stan Richert for tickets!

<https://shepherdscenter-wk.org/home/chef-showcase/>

Shepherd's Center on the Move **Grab & Go BBQ**

Friday, September 11, 5:00-7:30
Webster Groves Christian Church Parking Lot
1320 W. Lockwood Ave., Glendale, 63122

BBQ meals to go with all of your favorite sides will be
available for curbside pickup
*(tickets to the cancelled Chef Showcase event in April
can be presented for BBQ to go)*

Tickets on sale now, \$20/each
go to www.shepherdscenter-wk.org for online sales



*All proceeds benefit the
Shepherd Center's essential
services for older adults –
medical transportation,
grocery delivery and more.*



Our Prayer Concerns: Wanda (Cindy Andrews); Mallory (Paula Murphy); Maynard Kline (Lettie Morse); Darlene Hyry and Dolly Hoyer (Vicki Hoyer); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Victor Browning (Janet Iggulden); Andrew Kennon and family, Amanda Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); Elaine Filsinger; Joe Krabbe and family; Mary Felden Peters; Jodi and Chris Medieta (Joel Kichline); George and Norena Badway (Toni Miceli's parents); Jo Ann and Pat Claywell; Joyce and Scott Simpson family; Jacque (Linda Austin); Earl Emert and Roger Johnston (sons-in-law of Jean Major); Lucy Kroenung; Ariana (Jan Hanson); Val (Nephew of Lois Brodt); Everett, Thomas, Heather and Amanda (Karen Clark); Stuart / Reesor family; Sally Cobb; Brent and Alison McCurley (Jan McCurley), Libbi Pacatte; Kate Fuller, Sherry Montford, the Emergency Dept at Barnes Hospital (Helen Fuller), those quarantined in close quarters; Amanda and Caleb Sawyer (Debbie Brooks daughter and husband); Sherry Bryan; Ginger (Alma and Merv Wright's daughter); John and Carolyn Denison (Carolyn Redmore's brother and sister in law); Dianne and Ron Wallace; Ryanlyn Mathis; people suffering through natural disasters; medical personnel caring for the sick; those infected with virus; for workers who bring us food; for those caring for small children, doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other healthcare providers

To have your prayer requests included, please contact us using the:

- Connection Card located on our website,
- Prayer Request form on our website,
- Email secretary@websterum.org
- Contact one of our pastors:
 - Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org
 - Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org
 - Pastor Paige at directoryouth@websterum.org
- Drop your prayer request in the outside box next to the ramp door.